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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION : 1 DECEMBER 1969

Item 1 : Opening of the meeting

1. The Commission held its First Meeting at the Headquarters of FAO. The meeting was attended by delegations from all its member countries (see Annex 1-A).
2. Mr. Roy I. Jackson, Assistant Director-General (Fisheries) of FAO, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegations on behalf of the Director-General of the Organization.

Item 2 : Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the meeting

3. The meeting adopted the Agenda, reproduced as Annex 2 hereto. It also approved in principle the Annotated Timetable (contained in FID : ICCAT/69/2) but agreed that the Timetable should remain flexible.

Item 3 : Election of officers

4. The Commission unanimously elected Mr. F. Marcitllach Guazo (Spain) as Chairman of the Commission under Article III-5 of the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, hereafter referred to as "the Convention". It decided to postpone the election of the Vice-Chairmen until later in the meeting.

Item 3 : Appointment of a Secretariat for the meeting

5. The Commission requested the Director-General of FAO to provide the Secretariat for the First Meeting of the Commission and accepted Mr. Jackson's proposal that Mr. H. Rosa, Jr. from the FAO staff act as Executive Secretary for the duration of the meeting.

Item 4 : Admission of observers

6. In accordance with the provisions of Article XI-3 of the Convention, the Commission decided to invite the countries and international organizations listed in Annex 1-B to be represented by observers at the meeting.

Item 5 : Appointment of subsidiary bodies for the meeting

7. The Commission decided to establish two working parties for the duration of the meeting: a Working Party on Administration and Finance to study and report on items 6, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Agenda, and a Working Party on the Programme to study and report on items 8, 9, 17 and 20 of the Agenda.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION, 5 DECEMBER 1969

Item 6 : Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

8. The Commission adopted the Rules of Procedure reproduced as Annex 3 to this report.

Item 7 : Adoption of the Financial Regulations

9. The Commission adopted the Financial Regulations reproduced as Annex 4 to this report.

Item 8 : Study of the population of tuna and tuna-like fishes

Item 9 : Implementation of studies

10. The Commission approved the report of the Working Party on the Programme on these items (Annex 5, paragraphs 2 to 20).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION, 6 DECEMBER 1969 (morning)

Item 10 : Measures for ensuring the application of the provisions of the Convention

11. The Commission agreed that this item should be assigned to the Council, as suggested by the Working Party on Administration and Finance (see Appendix 3 to the Working Party's report which is reproduced as Annex 6).

Item 11 : Relationship with FAO

12. The Commission approved the report of the Working Party on Administration and Finance on this matter (paragraphs 4 and 5).

Item 12 : Relationship with other bodies, IATTC

Item 13 : Relationship with other bodies, Others

13. The Commission decided that its Executive Secretary, once appointed, should contact the appropriate officers of those international organizations with whom the Commission might find it desirable to enter into agreements or other relationships and report to the Commission on the type of relationship that would seem suitable in each particular case.

Item 14 : Budget estimates for 1969 and following biennium

14. The Commission approved the report of the Working Party on Administration and Finance on this matter (paragraphs 6 to 11 and Appendices 2 and 3). It unanimously adopted the part of the budget governed by the provisions of Article X-2(c) of the Convention. The delegations of Brazil, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and the United States of America indicated that their approval of the budget still required confirmation by the national authorities concerned. The delegations of Canada, Japan and Spain stated that their countries should receive the notification of assessment as early as possible, and not later than February 1970. As regards the currency in which the contributions were to be paid, the Commission decided that payments would be made in U. S. dollars for the year 1970 and requested the Council to study this matter further at its first regular meeting, in the light of any information provided by the Spanish Government, and authorized the Council to take a decision regarding contributions for 1971.

Item 15 : Establishment of Working Capital Fund

15. The Commission adopted the report of the Working Party on Administration and Finance on this matter (paragraph 12).

Item 16 : Scale of contributions

16. The Commission adopted the report of the Working Party on Administration and Finance on this matter (paragraphs 13 to 14 and Appendix 2).

Item 17 : Establishment of Panels and date and place of their meetings

17. The Commission decided to establish four Panels, as recommended by the Working Party on the Programme (paragraph 2 of the Working Party's report). It noted that, according to information given by delegations, the membership of these Panels would comprise the following for the biennium 1970/71:

Panel 1 : Brazil, France, Ghana, Japan, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, United States of America

Panel 2 : Canada, France, Japan, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, United States of America

Panel 3 : Brazil, Japan, South Africa, United States of America

Panel 4 : Brazil, Japan, Portugal, Spain, United States of America

Item 18 : Appointment of Executive Secretary

18. The Commission adopted the report of the Working Party on Administration and Finance on this matter (paragraphs 8, 10 and 18). It decided to vest the functions of the Executive Secretary provisionally in the Chairman of the Commission who would be authorized to delegate these to an official of his choice.

19. The delegation of the United States of America indicated that its approval of a special meeting of the Council in Madrid, on 17 and 18 April 1970, for the main purpose of selecting an Executive Secretary, still required confirmation by the national authorities concerned.

Item 19 : Location of Secretariat

20. The Commission accepted with appreciation the offer made by the delegation of Spain and decided that the seat of the Commission would be in Madrid.

Item 20 : Publications

21. The Commission adopted the report of the Working Party on Administration and Finance (paragraphs 16 to 17) on this matter.

Item 21 : Election of officers

22. The Commission unanimously elected Mr. J. N. N. Adjetei (Ghana) as first Vice-Chairman and Mr. J. Touya (France) as second Vice-Chairman.

Item 22 : Election of Council and date and place of its meetings

23. The Commission elected Brazil, Canada, Japan, Morocco, Portugal, South Africa and the United States of America to serve on the Council in addition to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Commission. It decided that the Council would hold its first regular meeting in the third week of November 1970 in Madrid (see also paragraph 19 above).

Other matters

24. Delegations provided to the Chairman of the Commission the name and address of the correspondent each member country was required to designate under Rule 1-4 of the Rules of Procedure.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH SESSION, 6 DECEMBER 1969 (afternoon)

Item 17 : Establishment of Panels and date and place of their meetings

25. The Commission elected the United States of America, Morocco, Japan and Brazil to serve as Chairmen of Panels 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. It decided that the Panels would hold their first regular meetings immediately before the Second Meeting of the Commission.

Item 23 : Date and place of next meeting of the Commission

26. The Commission agreed that a decision on this item should be taken by the Council at its first regular meeting.

Other matters

27. The Commission approved the report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics reproduced as Annex 7 to this report.

Annex 1-A

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AGENDA

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 - (iii) Measures for maintenance of stocks and their effective exploitation
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F. OTHER MATTERS

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULE 1

Representation

1. Each member country of the Commission shall be represented on the Commission by not more than three Delegates.
2. Each member country shall inform the Executive Secretary as soon as possible of the names of its Delegates on the Commission and its correspondent designated under paragraph 4 of this Rule, and of any change thereof.
3. At any meeting of the Commission the Delegates of each member country shall be entitled to be accompanied by their experts and advisers, the names of whom shall be communicated to the Executive Secretary at or before the commencement of such meeting.
4. Each member country of the Commission shall designate a correspondent who shall have primary responsibility for correspondence on behalf of his country during the periods between meetings.

RULE 2

Regular Meetings of the Commission

1. The Commission shall hold a regular meeting once every two years, at such date and place as may be determined by the Commission.
2. Notice of the convening of a regular meeting shall be dispatched by the Executive Secretary to all member countries of the Commission, to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to any Government or international organization invited by the Commission to send observers to the meeting, normally not less than ninety days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting.

RULE 3

Special Meetings of the Commission

1. A special meeting of the Commission may be called at any time at the request of a majority of the member countries of the Commission or by decision of the Council. The date and place of a special meeting shall be determined by the Council or by the Chairman of the Commission.
2. Notice of the convening of a special meeting shall be dispatched by the Executive Secretary to all member countries of the Commission, to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to any Government or international organization invited by the Commission to send observers to the meeting, not less than thirty days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting.

RULE 4

Representative of the Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United Nations

The Commission shall invite a Representative from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations appointed by its Director-General, to participate in all meetings of the Commission but without the right to vote. Such Representative may be accompanied by experts and advisers.

RULE 5

Observers

The Commission may invite international organizations and any Government which is a Member of the United Nations or of any Specialized Agency of the United Nations and which is not a member of the Commission, to send observers to its meetings. Observers may, with the authorization of the Chairman, address the meeting to which they are invited and otherwise participate in its work, but without the right to vote.

RULE 6

Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen

1. At each regular meeting, the Commission shall select from different member countries a Chairman and a first and a second Vice-Chairman, who shall hold office for a period beginning at the time of adjournment of the regular meeting of the Commission and ending at the time of adjournment of the subsequent regular meeting.
2. The Chairman and the first and second Vice-Chairmen may not be elected for more than two consecutive terms.
3. In the absence of the Chairman, the first Vice-Chairman or, in his absence, the second Vice-Chairman shall exercise the functions of the Chairman.

RULE 7

Functions of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen

The power and duties of the Chairman shall be:

- (a) To declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the Commission and the Council
- (b) To direct discussions in meetings and to ensure observance of these rules
- (c) To accord the right to speak and to limit the time allowed to speakers
- (d) To rule on points of order, subject to the right of any Delegate to request that any ruling by the Chairman shall be submitted to the Commission or the Council for decision
- (e) To call for votes and to announce results

- (f) To sign on behalf of the Commission or the Council a report of the proceedings of each meeting of the Commission or the Council, for transmission to members of the Commission
- (g) Generally to perform any function assigned to him by the Commission or by the Council, or in the Convention

RULE 8

Agenda

1. A provisional agenda for each regular meeting shall be drawn up by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chairman and be attached to the notice dispatched by the Executive Secretary in accordance with Rule 2, paragraph 2.

2. Any proposal concerning

- (a) amendments to the Rules of Procedure
- (b) amendments to the Financial Regulations
- (c) decisions to set up and modify (except membership) panels under Article VI of the Convention
- (d) recommendations under Article VIII, paragraph 1, of the Convention
- (e) amendments to the Convention under Article XIII, paragraph 1, of the Convention

must, in order to form the subject of a decision by the Commission, have been placed on the provisional agenda. In the case of regular meetings, any proposal of this nature must, furthermore, have been discussed in an explanatory memorandum addressed to member countries at least 60 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting.

3. The provisional agenda for a special meeting shall be drawn up by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chairman on the basis of the items relating to the purpose for which the meeting is to be called. The Executive Secretary shall circulate such agenda together with the notice dispatched by him in accordance with Rule 3, paragraph 2.

RULE 9

Voting

- 1. Each member country shall be entitled to one vote.
- 2. Decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of the member countries of the Commission, except as are provided for in Article VIII, paragraph 1(b)(i) and Article X, paragraph 2(c) of the Convention.
- 3. Two-thirds of the member countries of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for voting.
- 4. The Chairman or a Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman shall not vote, but may appoint another Delegate, expert or adviser from his delegation to vote in his place.
- 5. Votes shall be taken by show of hands, roll call or secret ballot.

6. A vote by roll call shall be taken upon request of a member country of the Commission. Voting by roll call shall be conducted by calling in English alphabetical order the names of all member countries of the Commission entitled to vote. The name of the first member to be called shall be designated by lot drawn by the Chairman.

7. Any matter shall be decided by secret ballot if the Commission so determines.

8. Between meetings of the Commission, in the case of special necessity, votes may be taken by mail or other means of communication. Such votes shall be transmitted to the Chairman of the Commission by the correspondent of each member country.

9. The voting rights of any member country of the Commission may be suspended by the Commission if the arrears of contributions of that country equal or exceed the amount due for the two preceding years.

RULE 10

Public and Private Meetings

Meetings of the Commission shall be public unless the Commission otherwise decides.

RULE 11

Council

1. The Council shall consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Commission together with the representatives of not less than four and not more than eight member countries of the Commission. Representatives of two further member countries of the Commission may be elected to the Council if the membership of the Commission exceeds forty. The member countries of which the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen are nationals shall not be elected to the Council. The Chairman of the Commission shall preside at the Council meetings.

2. At each regular meeting, the Commission shall elect the member countries of the Commission to be represented on the Council in accordance with Article V, paragraph 1 of the Convention.

3. The Council shall meet at least once in the interim between regular meetings of the Commission and shall hold such further meetings as may be decided by the Commission.

4. The Council shall perform such functions as are assigned to it by the Convention, and other functions as may be designated by the Commission.

5. The Rules of Procedure applicable to the conduct of the business of the Commission shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Council, but they may be supplemented by additional rules adopted by the Council subject to confirmation by the Commission.

RULE 12

Panels

1. Establishment of Panels on the basis of species, group of species, or of geographic areas shall be decided by the Commission.

2. Each member country participating in any Panel established under Article VI of the Convention shall be represented on such Panel by its Delegates or their alternates, who may be assisted by experts or advisers.

3. The Panel shall hold a regular meeting in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Commission. Any other meetings of the Panel may be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Commission or the Panel itself after having informed the Commission. Each Panel shall choose its own chairman.

4. Membership of a Panel shall comprise all member countries which inform the Commission, at a regular meeting, of their desire to be considered as members of the Panel. It shall be reviewed at each regular meeting of the Commission.

5. The Rules of Procedure applicable to the conduct of the business of the Commission shall apply mutatis mutandis, except as regards officers, to a Panel, but they may be supplemented by additional rules of procedure or by-laws for the conduct of its meeting and for the exercise of its functions and duties provided for in Article VI of the Convention.

RULE 13

Committees

1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance and Administration on which each member country of the Commission may be represented. The Committee shall advise the Commission on matters relating to the Executive Secretary and his staff, on the budget of the Commission, on the time and place of meetings of the Commission, on publications of the Commission and on such other matters as may be referred to it by the Commission. The Committee shall choose its own Chairman.

2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Research and Statistics on which each member country of the Commission may be represented. The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Commission such policies and procedures in the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of fishery statistics as may be necessary to ensure that the Commission has available at all times complete, current and equivalent statistics on fishery activities in the Convention Area. The Committee shall keep under continuous review the research programmes in progress in the Convention Area, and shall develop and recommend to the Commission from time to time such changes in existing programmes, or such new programmes as may be deemed desirable. The Committee shall also advise the Commission on such other scientific matters as may be referred to it. The Committee shall choose its own Chairman.

3. The Commission may establish such other Committee as it considers necessary.

4. The Rules of Procedure applicable to the conduct of the business of the Commission shall apply mutatis mutandis, except as regards officers, to these Committees, but they may be supplemented by additional rules of procedure or by-laws for the conduct of their meetings and for exercise of their functions and duties.

RULE 14

Executive Secretary and Staff

1. The Commission shall appoint the Executive Secretary and fix the tenure, rate of remuneration, and travelling expenses for the Executive Secretary and members of the staff, and may adopt such regulations as are considered desirable in this respect.

2. The Executive Secretary shall, under the general supervision of the Commission, exercise all the functions assigned to him under the Convention and these Rules and such other functions as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Commission or the Council.

3. The Executive Secretary shall appoint the members of the staff including the Assistant Executive Secretary and shall have authority over them.

4. The Executive Secretary is empowered to delegate to the Assistant Executive Secretary, or in his absence, to the senior member of the staff, such of his powers as he may consider necessary for the effective implementation of his responsibilities.

RULE 15

Reports and Records

1. Every two years, the Commission shall submit a report on its work and findings to all member countries of the Commission.

2. At the end of each meeting, the report approved by the Commission shall be transmitted by the Executive Secretary to all member countries of the Commission, to FAO and to any Government or international organization invited to send observers to the meeting.

3. The Council, Panels and other subsidiary bodies shall, at the end of each meeting, adopt a report which shall be submitted to the parent body concerned.

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FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The following regulations shall govern the financial administration of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") established under the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention").

REGULATION 1

Financial Period

The financial period of the Commission shall be the two calendar years following the normal date for the regular meeting of the Commission, unless it otherwise decides.

REGULATION 2

Budget

1. The Executive Secretary shall prepare and submit to the regular meeting of the Commission budget estimates for the ensuing financial period.
2. The budget estimates shall be dispatched by the Executive Secretary not less than sixty days before the date fixed for the opening of the regular meeting of the Commission at which they are to be considered. The budget estimates shall be accompanied by such information and explanatory statements as may be requested by the Commission or deemed necessary by the Executive Secretary.
3. The budget estimates shall cover income and expenditures for the financial period to which they relate and shall be presented in United States dollars.
4. The budget estimates shall be divided by function into chapters and, when necessary, into sub-chapters.

REGULATION 3

Appropriations

1. The appropriations voted by the Commission for the ensuing financial period shall constitute an authorization to the Executive Secretary to incur obligations and make payments for the purposes for which the appropriations were voted, and up to the amounts so voted.
2. The Executive Secretary may also incur obligations against future periods before appropriations are voted when such obligations are necessary for the continued effective functioning of the Commission, provided such obligations are restricted to administrative requirements of a continuing nature not exceeding the scale of such requirements as authorized in the budget of the current financial period.
3. Appropriations shall be available for obligations during the financial period to which they relate. Unobligated appropriations at the close of the financial period shall be carried over and included in the budget for the next financial period, unless the Commission otherwise decides.

4. Transfers within the same chapter of the budget may be effected by the Executive Secretary, who shall report thereon to the Commission or the Council.

5. In cases where special necessity arises, transfers from one chapter of the budget to another may be effected by the Executive Secretary after having obtained the approval of the Chairman of the Commission and shall be reported to the Commission or the Council.

REGULATION 4

Provision of Funds

1. The appropriations for a financial period shall be financed by annual contributions made by members of the Commission pursuant to Article X-2(a) and (b) of the Convention and contributions made by members of the Commission pursuant to Article X-2(c) of the Convention.

2. As soon as the Commission has approved the budget for a financial period, the Executive Secretary shall send a copy thereof to all members of the Commission, notifying them of their yearly assessments during the financial period and requesting them to deposit the corresponding amount.

3. Contributions to the budget shall be payable in such currencies as the Commission may decide.

4. New members of the Commission whose membership becomes effective during the first six months of any year shall be liable to pay the full amount of the annual contribution it would have been required to pay if it had been a member of the Commission when assessments were made under Article X-2 of the Convention.

5. New members of the Commission whose membership becomes effective during the last six months of any year shall be liable to pay half the amount of the annual contribution referred to in paragraph 4 above.

6. The appropriations for a financial period may also be financed by voluntary contributions from members of the Commission or from other sources, and any other income accruing to the Commission.

REGULATION 5

Funds

For the purposes of accounting for the expenditures of the Commission, there shall be established a General Fund, a Working Capital Fund and such trust funds as the Commission may decide to establish from time to time.

REGULATION 6

General Fund

The following monies shall be credited to the General Fund:

- (a) Annual contributions from members of the Commission
- (b) Any other income accruing to the Commission, and
- (c) Appropriations from the Working Capital Fund

REGULATION 7

Working Capital Fund

1. The Commission shall determine the level of the Working Capital Fund and assess the advances from members of the Commission necessary to maintain such Fund.
2. Members of the Commission shall be assessed on the same basis as that provided for in Article X-2(c) of the Convention.
3. New members of the Commission shall be assessed in an amount determined by the Commission. Unless the Commission decides otherwise, the amount of the new members' assessment shall be considered as an increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund.
4. The Working Capital Fund shall be used to finance operations of the Commission prior to receiving annual contributions, and for such other purposes as the Commission may determine. Withdrawals from the Working Capital Fund designed to finance operations of the Commission prior to receiving annual contributions shall be reimbursed from the General Fund as soon as possible.

REGULATION 8

Trust Funds

The Executive Secretary may accept on behalf of the Commission voluntary contributions whether or not in cash from members of the Commission or from other sources, provided that the purposes for which such voluntary contributions have been made are consistent with the policies, aims and activities of the Commission. The Executive Secretary shall establish trust funds to cover such voluntary contributions and shall report thereon to the Commission or the Council.

REGULATION 9

Accounts

1. The Executive Secretary shall maintain such accounts as are necessary and shall prepare interim accounts at the end of the first calendar year of the financial period, and final accounts at the end of the financial period. Both the interim and the final accounts shall be presented in United States dollars and shall show:
 - (a) The income and expenditures of all funds
 - (b) The status of appropriations, including
 - (i) the original budget appropriations
 - (ii) the appropriations as modified by transfer
 - (iii) credits, if any, other than the appropriations voted by the Commission
 - (iv) the amounts charged against those appropriations and other credits
 - (c) The assets and liabilities of the Commission

2. Separate accounts shall be maintained for all trust funds.

3. The Executive Secretary shall submit to the auditors the accounts for each calendar year not later than ninety days following the end of the calendar year.

REGULATION 10

Custody of Funds

The Executive Secretary shall designate the bank or banks in which the funds of the Commission shall be kept and report all such depositories to the Council.

REGULATION 11

Investment of Funds

1. The Executive Secretary may make short-term investments of monies not needed for immediate requirements. He may make long-term investments of monies standing to the credit of trust funds in such manner as may be authorized by the Commission or the Council. Interests on the investment of monies standing to the credit of trust funds shall accrue to such trust funds.

2. The Executive Secretary shall report periodically to the Commission or the Council on short-term and long-term investments.

REGULATION 12

External Audit

1. The Commission shall appoint an external auditor who may be changed only by the Commission.

2. The auditor shall perform such an audit as he deems necessary to certify:

- (a) That the financial statements are in accord with the books and records of the Commission
- (b) That the financial transactions reflected in the statements have been in accordance with the rules and regulations, the budgetary provisions, and other applicable directives, and
- (c) That the monies on deposit and on hand have been verified by certificate received direct from the Commission's depositories or by actual count

3. Subject to the directions of the Commission, the auditor shall be the sole judge as to the acceptance in whole or in part of the certifications by the Executive Secretary and may proceed to such detailed examination and verifications as he chooses of all financial records, including those relating to supplies and equipment.

4. The auditor and his staff shall have free access at all convenient times to all books of account and records which are, in the opinion of the auditor, necessary for the performance of the audit. Information classified in the records of the Executive Secretary as confidential, and which is required for the purposes of the audit, shall be made available on application to the Executive Secretary.

5. The auditor, in addition to certifying the accounts, may make such observations as he deems necessary with respect to the efficiency of the financial procedures, the accounting system, the internal financial controls and, in general, the financial consequences of administrative practices. In no case, however, shall the auditor include criticism in his audit report without first affording the Executive Secretary an opportunity of explanation to the auditor of the matter under observation. Audit objections to any item in the accounts shall be immediately communicated to the Executive Secretary.
6. The auditor shall prepare a report on the accounts certified, and on any matters on which the Commission by resolution thereon may from time to time give specific instructions.
7. The auditor shall submit his report to the Commission not later than six months following the end of the calendar year to which the accounts relate.

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Annex 5

REPORT OF THE
WORKING PARTY ON THE PROGRAMME

1. The Working Party, in accordance with the decision of the first session of the Commission, considered items 8, 9, 17 and 20 of the Agenda, and the results of its deliberations are contained in this report. It met under the chairmanship of Dr. R. A. Longhurst (U. S. A.)

Item 8 : Study of the populations of tuna and tuna-like fishes

Item 9 : Implementation of studies

Statistics

2. The activities of the Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics were described by its Secretary. It was recommended that ICCAT should become a member of this working party.

3. In view of the difficulties outlined below, and the shortcomings of present statistics, the Working Party strongly recommended that all member countries take immediate steps to improve the collection of catch and effort statistics on Atlantic tunas, and the collection of biological data from samples taken from catches.

4. It was emphasized that any information supplied to the Commission should be treated in complete confidence.

5. The Working Party noted the shortcomings of present statistics, as listed in the reports of the Miami group, and of the third session of the FAO Panel of Experts for the Facilitation of Tuna Research, and also re-emphasized the absolute necessity of proper statistics to the working of the Commission. These inadequacies were discussed in detail as follows:

Breakdown by species, and species identification

6. To some extent this is due to inadequacies in the statistical systems, where the fishermen identify the species, but the distinctions are lost in collecting the statistics or in subsequent tabulation. This should be rectified by improving the statistical system.

7. At other times, the fishermen do not, or cannot, distinguish, e. g. between small big-eye and yellowfin. Some improvement could be achieved by preparing and issuing identification sheets. However, it may be impossible, even with such aid, for the fishermen to identify the species. Then identification has to be done by trained scientists. If the quantities concerned are large, this work, on a proper sampling scheme, should receive high priority within the general scientific programme.

Conversion factors

8. The Commission's staff should give early consideration to study of the relation between the various states in which the original statistics can be recorded—live weight, gutted weight, gutted head off, etc. Conversion factors should be derived to convert these to the standard form—round fresh weight. This last (expressed in metric tons) should be used in all the Commission's statistics.

9. The Working Party also considered the conversion of numbers to weight. It was reported, by the country mainly concerned, that this important problem was being actively investigated.

Area of capture

10. This problem fell into two parts: (a) determination of where a vessel had been fishing; and (b) the use of standard areas for reporting statistics. The Working Party emphasized the usefulness of a logbook system for determining area of capture (and also fishing effort), and suggested that the Commission should prepare a model logbook as a guide to those countries not yet using such a system.

11. The Working Party did not discuss in detail standard statistical areas to be used by the Commission, but noted that 5° squares have been used in several fisheries.

Types of gear and fishing effort

12. While acknowledging the difficulties of reaching any uniform standard of fishery effort in a complex fishery such as that for Atlantic tuna, the Working Party emphasized the necessity of collecting certain basic data, from which more sophisticated measures could be derived. It recommended that, as a minimum, catch and effort statistics should be broken down by:

- (i) Purse seine
- (ii) Longline
- (iii) Live bait
- (iv) Others

and that within each gear classification there might be a division according to vessel size, or other criteria.

Under-counting or double-counting

13. This arises when tuna is landed in one country by the fishing vessel of a second and possibly immediately transhipped to a third. Much of the catch of Atlantic tuna is treated in this way. In principle, the problem should be resolved by ascribing all catches to the flag country of the catching vessel, but in practice this is not always easy. The Commission should give priority to an early solution to this problem through a detailed study of the procedure followed in each fishery (Japanese and other longliners, surface fishing off West Africa by European vessels, etc.).

Date of capture

14. This is often substantially different from the date of landing. The Commission in its statistics should make it quite clear what definition is used, perhaps by using date of capture in all statistical publications.

Research

15. Members of the Working Party outlined the research programmes being carried out in each country. Taken as a whole, most fields of research are covered but there are many gaps and inadequacies, e. g. comprehensive sampling programmes for size composition are only being carried out in a few fisheries. Many of these gaps are due to the small funds and facilities available in member countries. The Commission should examine these programmes carefully in the light of facilities available in order to establish priorities and to coordinate national efforts.

16. The tagging programmes were discussed in some detail. The Commission should assist national programmes by improving the probability of the return of tags from other countries, e.g. through the circulation of information about tagging experiments, etc. The Commission might also coordinate rather larger and more sophisticated experiments which might be difficult for one member to carry out alone. A proposal for such a cooperative programme is appended to this report.

17. Arrangements for continuing coordination of research were discussed briefly. It was agreed that the Commission should set up, at the present meeting, a Standing Committee on Research and Statistics with responsibilities similar to those of the corresponding committee of ICNAF.

18. The possible research activities of the member countries of the Commission were considered. The Working Party strongly recommended:

- (i) That member countries with research capabilities in population dynamics and stock assessment take immediate action to augment and accelerate those studies and analyses that pertain to Atlantic tunas, particularly yellowfin and albacore
- (ii) That member countries with biological and environmental research programmes on Atlantic tunas take immediate steps to augment and accelerate these studies; and that analyses by research staffs of member countries of environmental data related to tuna abundance, movements, and survival should be augmented and accelerated
- (iii) That all member countries take immediate steps to undertake cooperative tuna-tagging programmes; and that studies aimed at definition of stocks by other means (e.g. serology, biochemistry, parasites) be instituted or accelerated
- (iv) That all member countries support the research needs of the Commission in proportion to the extent of their exploitation of Atlantic tuna resources.

Regulatory measures

19. The Working Party made no recommendations for regulatory action by the Commission. This was not because such action is known not to be needed, but because the data are not yet sufficient to establish what action is needed. In fact some of the documents available to the Working Party including the Miami report, though based on limited data, suggest very strongly that some action is now, or very soon will be, required. The Working Party noted that in fact certain African countries are already taking action to regulate their tuna fisheries, in part based on the conclusions of the Miami report.

20. In view of the fact that the Commission may not, at first, have a staff with a high degree of stock assessment competence, the Working Party considered that the data concerning the state of the stocks—perhaps in the first instance confined to yellowfin—should be reviewed as soon as possible by the scientists in the member countries of the Commission. It therefore recommended that the Commission should consider calling a special meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics at an early date to review the information. The Executive Secretary should also consult with the Secretary of the Coordinating Working Party with a view to some members of the CWP attending this meeting. This might be facilitated by a session of the CWP being held consecutively with the meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics.

Item 14 : Budget estimates for 1969 and following biennium

Commission staff

21. The Working Party discussed at some length the desirable composition of the professional staff of the Commission in relation to its scientific and technical responsibilities. Several members stressed the importance of the Commission having among its staff a high degree of competence in stock assessment and related subjects in order to supplement the work at the

national level, especially in view of the fact that not all member countries could support large-scale scientific research. Others felt that reliance should be placed on national research, or that in the earliest stages of the Commission's work the scientific information available would not be sufficient to warrant the full-time employment of a high-level stock assessment expert.

22. The Working Party therefore agreed that the basic staff, for the first period of the Commission, should be an Executive Secretary, an Assistant Executive Secretary whose major responsibility would be the statistical activities of the Commission, plus a clerk and other supporting staff.

23. Several delegations emphasized that though this staffing was acceptable as a temporary measure, in view of the likely availability of funds to the Commission, it represented much less than the optimum staffing. An experienced stock assessment expert should, when the Commission recognized the need, be added to the staff. The Commission should at an early date reassess the need for this strengthening of its staff.

Item 17 : Establishment of Panels and date and place of their meetings

24. The Working Party discussed possible arrangements for panels, and agreed that initially there should be four panels, as follows:

- 1 Tropical Tunas: for yellowfin (Thunnus albacares) and skipjack (Euthynnus pelamis)
- 2 Temperate Tunas (north): for bluefin (Thunnus thynnus) and albacore (Thunnus alalunga) in the northern hemisphere
- 3 Temperate Tunas (south): for bluefin and albacore in the southern hemisphere
- 4 Other Species: for bigeye (Thunnus obesus), bonito (Sarda sarda), billfishes and other species

25. A rough estimate of membership of panels among present member countries is as follows: Panel 1: eight members; Panel 2: six members; Panel 3: five members; Panel 4: five members—a total of 24 panel memberships. In addition, there are likely to be some additional member countries of the Commission in the near future.

Item 20 : Publications

26. The types of publications that might be issued by the Commission were discussed by the Working Party. A number of publications were suggested, with the following proposed order of priority (excluding any formal record of the Commission's proceedings):

- (i) A Statistical Bulletin, giving the catches and fishing effort for each year, broken down by species, gear, and area and time of capture
- (ii) A summary of the activities and proceedings of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics, similar to the Red Book of ICNAF
- (iii) A general report on the activities of the Commission, written in a style to make it acceptable and readable by members of the fishery industry and others
- (iv) A series of ad hoc special publications, for publication of the proceedings of symposia, or other special meetings

Annex 5

Appendix 1

REPORT OF THE
WORKING PARTY ON THE PROGRAMME

Proposals for cooperative tagging efforts under ICCAT

1. An informal meeting was called to review past tuna tagging in the Atlantic and to propose further cooperative efforts, both in terms of immediate and long-term needs.
2. Dr. D. W. Sahrhage of FAO described the programme of the Working Party on Tuna Tagging in the Atlantic and Adjacent Seas of the FAO Panel of Experts for the Facilitation of Tuna Research by reviewing the salient points of FID : ICCAT/69/Inf. 8. He pointed out that most countries now in ICCAT, as well as a number not now members, participate in the Working Party. He also indicated that the panel had no funds for direct implementation of work and contacts were maintained by correspondence. The need for a tagging coordinating group was indicated and three possibilities were suggested:
 - (i) ICCAT sets up a tagging coordination group of its own
 - (ii) ICCAT finances the Working Party of the FAO Panel
 - (iii) Some combination of the above two

National summaries

3. South Africa reported nothing now in progress but indicated intention to start tagging, primarily albacore and bluefin tuna, in the coming year. South Africa also indicated willingness to participate in cooperative tagging efforts.
4. Portugal reported no tagging in the eastern tropical Atlantic but plans to start tagging yellowfin and skipjack in the Angola area in late 1970 or early 1971. Emphasis will be on tagging fish from the bait fishery rather than the purse seine fishery. Portugal also indicated willingness to participate in cooperative tagging efforts.
5. Spain has carried on a limited amount of bluefin tagging in the Gulf of Cadiz from 1960 through 1967. Some tagged fish moved into the Mediterranean, and others out into the Atlantic.
6. Japan reported very little tagging in the past and indefinite plans of tagging tuna from purse seine and bait boat catches in the future. Some fish have been tagged from long-line catches but there have been no returns.
7. France tagged albacore in 1960 and in 1967, 1968 and 1969 along the coasts of Spain and Portugal into the Bay of Biscay. The primary purpose was to determine the exploitation rate. This work will be continued in 1970 and, hopefully, intensified. Bluefin tuna tagging in the Bay of Biscay has recently been impossible due to poor fishing conditions. This programme will be resumed in the spring of 1970 if bluefin are available. Little had been done in the eastern tropical Atlantic fisheries but in October 1970 ORSTOM plan to tag from a bait vessel, and cooperation from other countries would be appreciated.
8. Brazil reported no tagging although plans are being made for some work in 1970. No details are now available.
9. The United States of America reported on the bluefin tuna tagging done by Mr. F. J. Mather III of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and some limited skipjack tagging

work. Plans are now being made to participate more actively in tropical tuna tagging programmes. A cooperative sport fishing tagging programme has been tagging marlin in the Gulf of Mexico, and a few fish off northern Venezuela.

Problems

10. In a review of questions concerning Atlantic tunas, which may be answered by tagging studies, Dr. C. J. Sindermann of the Tropical Atlantic Biological Laboratory, Miami, stressed the following:

- (i) Are the eastern Atlantic and western Atlantic yellowfin stocks discrete?
- (ii) What is the nature of the north-south movements along the African coast?
- (iii) What is the movement between the surface and longline fisheries?
- (iv) What kinds of movements occur in and between the north Atlantic albacore stocks, i.e. Bay of Biscay and eastern and western Atlantic?
- (v) Do movements occur between the concentrations of albacore off the South American and South African coasts or are the populations discrete?

11. South Africa suggested that the possibility of migration between the south Atlantic and Indian Ocean around the tip of South Africa might be investigated.

12. France drew attention to the existence of a stock of albacore in the Mediterranean; but connection with Atlantic stocks is not known. Some tags have been placed on Mediterranean albacore but there have been no returns.

Programme suggestions

13. Dr. J. Joseph (IATTC) pointed out that the most profitable programme at this early stage would be to place as many tags as possible for a stock identification programme. A next level of tagging would be a carefully designed large-scale cooperative effort. A successful system for returning tags must include plans for publicity, rewards and a good recording and coordination programme. Some studies which can be taken up at a later date include tag loss, tagging mortalities, and development of special tags.

Tag rewards

14. In a discussion of rewards it was emphasized that the amount offered for tags should be consistent and high enough to assure return. It was also pointed out, however, that in the Japanese longline fleet rewards are not so important and other kinds of reward such as recognition through citations or other honorary means suffice. A suggestion that industry might pay tag return rewards proved unacceptable. The organization of a lottery was suggested by France and elaborated upon by Dr. Joseph. There was general acceptance that a combination of regular rewards and a lottery might be most suitable.

The following recommendations were developed:

- 1. That the Committee on Research and Statistics organize at an early date a sub-committee on tagging. This sub-committee should maintain close association with the Working Party on Tuna Tagging of the FAO Tuna Panel.
- 2. Tag rewards should be standardized and a lottery system considered as a supplement and further encouragement to cooperate in returns.
- 3. First tagging efforts should concentrate on stock identification except in the instance of bluefin tuna where a resource size tagging project is indicated.

4. The headquarters of the Commission might be designated the disbursement and coordination centre for rewards and tag recoveries.
5. A programme of publicizing tag studies should be undertaken and the system of the Working Party on Tuna Tagging of the FAO Tuna Panel can be considered as a possible vehicle for this, as a supplement to national efforts

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REPORT OF THE
WORKING PARTY ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

1. The Working Party on Administration and Finance, established by the Commission at its first session on 1 December 1969, to study and report on items 6, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Agenda, held eight meetings under the chairmanship of Mr. R. A. Lagarde (France).

Item 6 : Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

2. The text of the Rules of Procedure approved by the Working Party is reproduced as Annex 1 to this report. 1/

Item 7 : Adoption of the Financial Regulations

3. The Working Party approved the Financial Regulations reproduced as Annex 2 to this report. 2/

Item 11 : Relationship with FAO

4. While stressing that it was both desirable and necessary for the Commission to establish a close working relationship with FAO, the Working Party felt that it would be premature to enter into a formal agreement with FAO at this stage. Only experience would enable the Commission and FAO to identify more precisely the areas where duplication of effort could be avoided and where collaboration could be mutually beneficial. The Working Party therefore recommended that the Chairman of the Commission should be entrusted at this meeting with the task of initiating some preparatory work in consultation with the Secretariat of FAO, which would be continued by the Council. He should also be requested to submit a report on this matter to the Council at its first session or to the Commission itself at its Second Meeting.

5. The Working Party felt that, pending the conclusion of the agreement referred to in the preceding paragraph, it might well prove necessary for the Commission and FAO to establish working relations of a less formal nature. The Working Party recommended that the Chairman of the Commission contact the Director-General of FAO with a view to exchanging letters to establish working relations of an informal nature on the following matters: regular exchange of information and documents, consultations on questions of common interest, and reciprocal representation at meetings.

Item 14 : Budget estimates for 1969 and following biennium

6. The Working Party considered this item on the basis of document FID : ICCAT/69/8 which contained a "provisional estimate of first-year expenses". It agreed that the level of the budget would depend essentially on the orientation member countries intended to give to the Commission's functions, on the size of its staff and the salaries they were to receive, as well as on the seat of the Commission and the facilities to be offered by the host government.

7. During the discussions, it was suggested that the staff of the Commission should eventually undertake certain research activities in addition to exercising purely coordinating functions. However, all delegations agreed that, subject to the findings and recommendations of the Working Party on the Programme, the Commission's activities should initially be modest in scope and that they could be expanded as more experience was acquired.

1/ Now Annex 3 to the Proceedings, page 15

2/ Now Annex 4 to the Proceedings, page 21

8. The Working Party was of the opinion that in the first biennium of the Commission, at least, its staff could consist of one Executive Secretary and one Assistant Executive Secretary who should preferably have experience in statistics. These two officers would require the assistance of one administrative clerk and one stenographer. The Working Party agreed in principle that the United Nations common system of remuneration and allowances should be taken as a basis in determining the salary and allowances of the staff of the Commission. It proposed the following salary levels: P-5 for the Executive Secretary, P-4 for the Assistant Executive Secretary, G-6 for the administrative clerk and G-4 for the stenographer.

9. As regards the seat of the Commission, the Working Party was informed by the delegation of the United States of America that its Government offered to provide facilities at the laboratory of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Miami. In addition, the United States Government was willing to make available, at a nominal charge, the services of a staff member of the Bureau and some clerical assistance for a reasonable period of time until the appointment of an Executive Secretary. The delegation of Spain also conveyed its Government's offer to provide accommodation in Madrid for the seat of the Commission.

10. The exchange of views which followed indicated that a majority of delegations favoured Madrid. The delegate of Spain informed the Working Party that the Spanish Government would agree to make available for a period of about six months, probably at no cost to the Commission, the part-time services of an official familiar with the activities of international fishery bodies, as well as some clerical assistance. He stressed, however, that it would be necessary for this official to be able to rely on the collaboration of FAO for administrative assistance to the Commission in organizing these activities. The representative of FAO assured him of the Organization's full support and willingness to provide the assistance on the basis that the small costs involved would be reimbursed. The Working Party recommended that the Chairman be authorized to proceed in this way.

11. In consideration of the preceding paragraphs, the Working Party recommended that the Commission's budget for the biennium 1970/1971 be set at U.S. \$170,000 (see Appendix 1 to this report).

Item 15 : Establishment of Working Capital Fund

12. The Working Party agreed that a Working Capital Fund should be established, as provided for in Article X-9 of the Convention. However, in view of the proposed arrangements for the Commission's activities and financing in 1970, it felt that it was not necessary for the Commission to assess at this time the advances from member countries required to maintain such fund. The Working Party recommended that any contributions received from new member countries during the period between meetings be credited to the Working Capital Fund.

Item 16 : Scale of contributions

13. The Working Party recommended that the part of the contributions to be paid by member countries under Article X-2(c) of the Convention, be determined on the basis of the statistics for the year 1967, with respect to both catches and the production of canned tunas. As regards catches, it furthermore agreed that the applicable criterion should be the nationality of the fishing vessels and not the port of landing.

14. The Working Party noted that, in accordance with Article X-4 of the Convention, contributions were payable on 1 January of the year for which the assessment was levied. It expressed the hope that contributions for 1970 would be paid as early as possible. The amount of contributions for 1970 and 1971, as indicated in Appendix 2 to this report, was accepted by the Working Party.

Item 17 : Establishment of Panels and date and place of their meetings

15. The Working Party recommended that Panels hold an organizational meeting on Saturday, 6 December 1969. It also recommended that the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration and the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics meet before the closure of this meeting of the Commission in order to elect their officers.

Item 20 : Publications

16. The Working Party noted that the question of publications had already been discussed by the Working Party on the Programme. It agreed that in the proposed publications programme of the Commission, priority should be given to the Statistical Bulletin. It felt, however, that the limited staff envisaged for the Commission's secretariat would not be in a position to make significant progress in 1970. The Working Party therefore accepted with appreciation the offer made by FAO to produce by the end of 1970 another Bulletin of Fishery Statistics in order to bring up to date the statistics contained in Bulletin No. 19 as regards Atlantic fisheries for the tuna and tuna-like species and to provide information on the canning of such species. It also expressed the view that participation of the Commission in the Coordinating Working Party on Atlantic Fishery Statistics would enable it to obtain improved statistics from the national services of member countries.

17. The Working Party acknowledged with appreciation FAO's contribution in producing, at no cost to the Commission, the documents submitted to the meeting, as well as the record of the proceedings. It expressed the hope that FAO would publish the final report to be adopted by the Commission.

Item 22 : Election of Council and date and place of next meeting

18. The Working Party deemed it useful to consider also this item. It drew up a list of subject matters that could be assigned to the Council by the Commission (see Appendix 3 to this report). The Working Party recommended that the Council hold a special meeting in Madrid, on 17 and 18 April 1970, for the main purpose of selecting an Executive Secretary.

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Annex 6

Appendix 1

REPORT OF THE
WORKING PARTY ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Budget for the biennium 1970/71

Chapter		1970	1971
		\$	\$
TOTAL		70,000	100,000
1	Salaries, allowances, etc.	33,000	67,000
2	Travel	10,000	12,000
3	Meeting costs	10,000	15,000
4	Publications	2,000	3,000
5	Office equipment, stationery	5,000	3,000
6	Contingencies	10,000	-

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Amount of contributions for 1970

Country	A No.	B %	C '000 tons	D '000 tons	E '000 tons	F %	G \$	H \$	I \$	J \$	K \$
<u>Total</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>214.3</u>	<u>83.6</u>	<u>297.9</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Brazil	3	11.76	7.2	0.1	7.3	2.45	1,000	3,000	1,410	590	6,000
Canada	1	5.88	5.1	0.5	5.6	1.88	1,000	2,000	710	450	3,160
France	2	8.82	51.4	26.1	77.5	26.02	1,000	1,000	1,060	6,240	10,300
Ghana	1	5.88	2.2	-	2.2	0.74	1,000	1,000	710	180	2,890
Japan	4	14.71	42.5	-	42.5	14.27	1,000	4,000	1,760	3,420	10,180
Morocco	2	8.82	11.2	5.2	16.4	5.50	1,000	2,000	1,060	1,320	5,380
Portugal	3	11.76	16.4	7.4	23.8	7.99	1,000	3,000	1,410	1,920	7,330
South Africa	1	5.88	1.0	-	1.0	0.33	1,000	1,000	710	80	2,790
Spain	3	11.76	68.4	22.7	91.1	30.58	1,000	3,000	1,410	7,340	12,750
U. S. A.	4	14.71	8.9	21.6	30.5	10.24	1,000	4,000	1,760	2,460	9,220

- A - Panel membership
 B - Percentage of payments for annual membership and panel membership (G + H)
 C - 1967 catch (live weight)
 D - 1967 canned production (net product weight)
 E - Total of C and D
 F - Percentage distribution of E
 G - Payment of \$1,000 annual membership contribution
 H - Payment of \$1,000 for each panel membership
 I - 1/3 of \$36,000 (\$70,000 - 34,000); distributed percentagewise according to Column B
 J - 2/3 of \$36,000 (\$70,000 - 34,000); distributed percentagewise according to Column F
 K - Total of G, H, I and J

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Amount of contributions for 1971

Country	A No.	B %	C '000 tons	D '000 tons	E '000 tons	F %	G \$	H \$	I \$	J \$	K \$
<u>Total</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>214.3</u>	<u>83.6</u>	<u>297.2</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Brazil	3	11.76	7.2	0.1	7.3	2.45	1,000	3,000	2,590	1,080	7,670
Canada	1	5.88	5.1	0.5	5.6	1.88	1,000	1,000	1,290	830	4,120
France	2	8.82	51.4	26.1	77.5	26.02	1,000	2,000	1,940	11,450	16,390
Ghana	1	5.88	2.2	-	2.2	0.74	1,000	1,000	1,290	330	3,620
Japan	4	14.71	42.5	-	42.5	14.27	1,000	4,000	3,240	6,280	14,520
Morocco	2	8.82	11.2	5.2	16.4	5.50	1,000	2,000	1,940	2,420	7,360
Portugal	3	11.76	16.4	7.4	23.8	7.99	1,000	3,000	2,590	3,520	10,110
South Africa	1	5.88	1.0	-	1.0	0.33	1,000	1,000	1,290	140	3,430
Spain	3	11.76	68.4	22.7	91.1	30.58	1,000	3,000	2,590	13,450	20,040
U. S. A.	4	14.71	8.9	21.6	30.5	10.24	1,000	4,000	3,240	4,500	12,740

- A - Panel membership
 B - Percentage of payments for annual membership; and panel membership (G + H)
 C - 1967 catch (live weight)
 D - 1967 canned production (net product weight)
 E - Total of C and D
 F - Percentage distribution of E
 G - Payment of \$1,000 annual membership contribution
 H - Payment of \$1,000 for each panel membership
 I - 1/3 of \$66,000 (\$100,000 - 34,000); distributed percentage-wise according to Column B
 J - 2/3 of \$66,000 (\$100,000 - 34,000); distributed percentage-wise according to Column F
 K - Total of G, H, I and J

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WORKING PARTY ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

List of items for assignment to the
Council by the Commission

1. Arrange for the appointment and employment of an Executive Secretary for the Commission in accordance with the conditions approved at the First Meeting of the Commission.
2. Review the organization, staffing and operation of the Commission Secretariat.
3. Review the status of financial contributions by contracting parties.
4. Receive and review a suitably detailed report of the current state of the Commission's accounts.
5. Review the second half of the biennial budget, and authorize such reapportionment of amounts as may be appropriate and in accordance with Article X, paragraph 3, of the Convention.
6. Formulate proposals for the organization of the Second Meeting of the Commission.
7. Review status of relationships with FAO, IATTC, ICES, and other international bodies, and make recommendations to the Commission.
8. Receive, review, and report to the Commission the results of any meeting of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics held prior to or in conjunction with a Council meeting, with particular reference to:
 - (i) matters relating to coordination of research, proposed scientific meetings and conservation
 - (ii) status of statistical systems of the Commission, including the submission to the Commission of an evaluation of such systems, together with any recommendations that may facilitate the organization of statistical systems
9. Receive, review, and report to the Commission the results of any meeting of other subsidiary bodies of the Commission.
10. Review plans for and status of initial publications of the Commission.
11. Review schemes of joint enforcement of regulatory measures developed by other commissions and formulate appropriate recommendations for the Commission concerning the feasibility of such schemes for application by ICCAT.

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Annex 7

REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

1. The Committee met on Friday, 5 December 1969. Mr. V. Valdez was elected Chairman, and Mr. J. A. Gulland was nominated as Rapporteur.
2. The Committee suggested no additions to the Commission's rules of procedure. Regarding the frequency of meeting, it was emphasized that the rate of development in the fisheries, and in the research, made annual meetings essential. Presumably these would normally be at the time of the Commission and Council meetings.
3. As a guide to the future, four sub-committees were proposed: Assessment, Statistics, Tagging and Environment. No formal action was taken to set these up at the present meeting.
4. There was some discussion about the timing of the 1970 meeting, and it was generally felt that April-May would be most suitable; the precise date would be settled by the Chairman and Secretariat in relation to other meetings around that time.
5. The regular meeting, which would be expected to last about five days, should be preceded by a meeting of about four days of a group of experts in tuna stock assessment to give special study to the status of stocks, particularly of yellowfin.
6. Mr. J. P. Wise, Tropical Atlantic Biological Laboratory, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149, U. S. A., was nominated to act as Convenor of the above assessment group. The following were nominated to act as national correspondents for assessment and statistics, and tagging and environment, respectively:

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7. Countries were urged to prepare material for the 1970 meeting; if possible, draft reports on the stock assessment should be prepared by 15 February and circulated for consideration by all members of the group.

8. Regarding statistics, it was noted that the 1969 statistics would not be available in time for a May meeting. For this meeting the Secretary of the CWP, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, should prepare a draft form for submitting statistics to the Commission, together with notes for its completion.

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- FID : ICCAT/69/1 Provisional agenda
- 2 Annotated provisional agenda and provisional timetable
 - 3 Draft Rules of Procedure
 - 4 Draft Financial Regulations
 - 5 The state of the Atlantic tuna stocks and possible action
 - 6 Notes on the statistics of Atlantic and other tuna fisheries
 - 7 Relations between the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 - 8 Provisional estimate of first-year expenses
 - 9 Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, Final Act
 - 10 The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
- FID : ICCAT/69/Inf.1 Report of the Meeting of a Group of Experts on Tuna Stock Assessment
- 2 Atlantic Tuna Fisheries: Catch Statistics, 1968
 - 3 Information for participants
 - 4 List of documents
 - 5 The Proposed International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
 - 6, List of participants
- Rev. 1
- 7 Report of the IOFC Working Party on Stock Assessment in Relation to Immediate Problems of Management in the Indian Ocean (Extract)
 - 8 Report of the Third Session of the FAO Panel of Experts for the Facilitation of Tuna Research
 - 9 Exploitation and Management of Tuna Resources in the Eastern Pacific Ocean

